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TULARE COUNTY STUDIED

Tulare County, seventh largest in area and fifteenth in population of the state's fifty-eight counties, is at once one of the most scenic and least known by the touring public. The western portion is a part of the San Joaquin Valley, flat and fertile; the eastern portion embraces the most rugged, forbidding, and highest part of the glaciated, snow-capped Sierra Nevada.

Almost half of the county is devoted to federal government preserve of some nature. Inyo and Sequoia National Forests occupy the southeastern quarter; Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, created primarily for recreation, take up the northeast part. A preserve of nearly fifty thousand acres, the Tule Indian Reservation, is in the foothills of the Sierra in the southern part of the county.

The San Joaquin Valley segment, to the west, is devoted chiefly to agriculture—cotton, fruit, dairy and stock cattle being the chief products. It is
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The high Sierra from Kings Canyon Overlook, Sequoia National Park.

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS TO MEET

The American Mining Congress will hold its annual meeting in San Francisco from September 22 through September 26. The program includes speakers from industry, government, and research, dealing with subjects in all phases of the mining industry.

All events, including the many exhibits of new, modern equipment and supplies, will be held in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium and Civic Center Exhibition Hall. University and college students are particularly invited; high school students interested in engineering or mining are also welcome, but must attend in small groups escorted by a mining man, a school instructor, or an exhibitor's representative.

Registration is, for the most part, without charge. The only registration fees required are those charged sales or marketing personnel of non-exhibiting or sponsoring manufacturers. Men in the mineral-producing end of these companies are not required to pay a registration fee.

Besides the technical program, many social events are planned: a Miners Jamboree at the Palace of Fine Arts on Tuesday, September 22; a dinner-dance on Thursday, September 24; a field trip to Permanente Cement Plant and to Ford Motor Company's assembly plant; to Stanford Research Institute; to Hewlett-Packard Company's electronics plant; and to Sunset Magazine's publishing house. A salmon derby, conducted on board powered cabin cruisers leaving from Sausalito harbor, will be scheduled for each day reservations warrant.

The American Mining Congress urges that applications for reservations for the Mining Show be sent in as soon as possible, particularly for those who will require housing. For further information address American Mining Congress, 1102 Ring Building, Washington 6, D. C. Advance registration for anyone attending the meetings is recommended, as it will enable registration cards, badges, and the like to be prepared before the meetings begin.

The complete technical program is given on pages 3-6 of this issue of **MINERAL INFORMATION SERVICE**. A special invitation to all persons attending the convention is on page 6.